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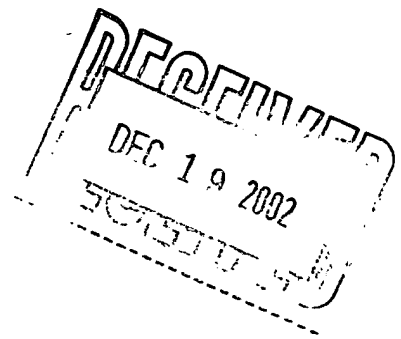
Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant cites, provides copies and briefly
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U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issued Date</u>
✓	5,517,243	Kudo et al.	May 14, 1996
✓	5,245,380	Yang	September 14, 1993
✓	4,470,687	Saito et al.	September 11, 1984

JAPANESE PATENT REFERENCES

	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issued Date</u>
✓	JP 11 015040	Kobayashi Koichi	January 22, 1999
✓	JP 2001 117137	Takei Toshiaki	April 27, 2001



- ✓ JP 08 308275 Hashimoto Takaaki November 22, 1996

OTHER REFERENCES

- ✓ Communication issued by the European Patent Office on the 16th of October 2001 in co-pending application Serial No. 02251359.2-1241 of the instant inventors.

DISCUSSION

Kudo '243 discusses an accurate aperture diameter provided for high-speed shutter operation with control of the charge storage time of a solid-state image sensor, over different, selectable operational intervals.

Koichi JP '040 provides a mechanical gear train with a spring supplementing the motor power level in order to shorten the closing time of an aperture, when the diameter of the aperture is large.

Toshiaki JP '137 discusses a bipolar permanent magnet rotor with shutter blades that are opened and closed by rotational force applied through a plurality of iron pins by the permanent magnet rotor.

The Yang '380, Saito '687 and Takaaki '275 references were said by the European Examiner in the Communication dated on the 16th of October, to be of background interest.

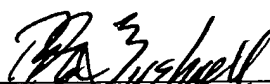
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